

## Howe Report Withheld From Investigators

House Committee May Force Secretary Wilson to Disclose Findings on Former Aid's Administration Here

Asked to Quit, Is Hint Caminetti Tells of Difficulty in Deporting Aliens and Skill Used by I. W. W.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Secretary Wilson today refused to transmit to the House Immigration Committee the report of A. W. Parker, formerly of the immigration service, regarding the administration of Frederic C. Howe, as Immigration Commissioner at New York. Mr. Wilson said that because of the confidential nature of the report public policy required that it be not made public.

At an executive session yesterday the committee adopted a resolution requesting the Secretary to transmit the report, and after the meeting members said unless it was forthcoming a subpoena would be issued by the committee requiring the Secretary to produce it. No further action in the matter was taken today, however.

Charges had been made before the committee that Howe was friendly with dangerous aliens held at New York for deportation. Anthony Caminetti, Commissioner General of Immigration, told the committee today that Howe's resignation from the service was not purely voluntary.

Aliens Held Here by War

Discussing alleged delays in reporting aliens held at Ellis Island, Mr. Caminetti said deportations to Germany, Austria, Russia, Turkey and the Balkans had not been possible since the beginning of the war because of unsettled conditions and lack of transportation. Another difficulty encountered, he said, was a disposition on the part of some countries not to receive the aliens. In a majority of cases, however, this difficulty has been overcome through negotiations, the commissioner said.

Mr. Caminetti asked for time to consider a reply to a question why undesirable aliens could not be deported to Germany, Austria and Russia when American troops were serving in those countries.

Figures introduced during the hearing showed that more than 400 warrants charging anarchy or unlawful destruction of property had been issued within the last forty days. From 1917 to last November 1, 1917, such warrants were issued, resulting in sixty deportations. Many other deportation cases are pending.

No Flaws in Anti-Red Law

Commissioner Caminetti told the committee that there were no substantial imperfections in the law affecting aliens, particularly anarchy.

Secretary Wilson personally promul-

gated the ruling that mere membership in the I. W. W. did not constitute a violation of United States laws relating to anarchy and other deportable charges, he said.

"The I. W. W. constitution is so skillfully worded," he declared, "that the laws are not violated, although that is to be construed as meaning that I do not believe some I. W. W. officials preach anarchy and kindred doctrines. However, some additional evidence besides mere membership is required before an I. W. W. can be arrested and held for deportation."

"The constitution of the so-called Russian Union of Workers, however, is so worded that mere membership in that organization constitutes violation of the laws and makes the members subject to arrest and deportation."

## Failure to Deport Dangerous Aliens Arouses Senators

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Failure of the Department of Labor and other bureaus of the government to deport dangerous aliens was severely criticized in the Senate today, when an appropriation of \$600,000 for the Department of State for the administration of passport regulations was passed.

The Foreign Relations Committee reported a joint resolution making the appropriation immediately available. The resolution was adopted unanimously after Senator Jones, Republican of Washington, charged the Department of Labor with "inactivity" in the prosecution of dangerous aliens. He said Congress had provided the department with plenty of money with which to prosecute deportation cases, but it had failed to use it effectively.

"I would like to ask if the \$2,450,000 that was appropriated by the sundry civil bill for this purpose is exhausted," demanded Senator Jones.

"This had nothing to do with that appropriation," explained Senator Lodge. "That item was for the immigration service; this has to do with enforcement of the law concerning passports, which is the only means of keeping out undesirable persons."

"We have provided money to enforce all the laws we have made," declared Senator Jones, "but the difficulty is that the Administration will not enforce them. I hope the Department of State will proceed to enforce them with more vigor than the Department of Labor has shown."

"Then I trust that the Senator will support a bill I have introduced, to take from the Department of Labor the entire enforcement of the law for deportation of aliens," suggested Senator King, Utah.

"The Department of Labor has been derelict in that duty."

"I will be in favor of giving the power to any department that will exercise it," replied Senator Jones.

House Bars Conscientious Objectors From Homesteads

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Conscientious objectors are excluded in a resolution adopted by the House today and sent to the Senate giving World War veterans first chance to obtain homesteads on public lands to be opened to settlement in the next two years. The veterans would have sixty days to file their entries before the lands would be open to the general public.

The clause aimed at objectors, added on the floor, says that those who refused to give military service or wear the uniform shall not benefit under the resolution.

## Call for Inquiry On Ousting of Day Angers the Mayor

Alderman Quinn Assailed by Hylan, Who Demands He Prove Charges Under Oath Against O'Malley

Alderman William F. Quinn's demand for an investigation of the ousting of Dr. Jonathan C. Day as Commissioner of Markets caused Mayor Hylan to write a letter to his Commissioner of Accounts, David Hirschfeld, yesterday. The letter follows:

"Alderman Quinn is quoted in today's press as making a statement at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen held Tuesday, December 9, that Commissioner O'Malley was reappointed to office after being accused of dishonesty by his superior, former Commissioner Jonathan C. Day, without the Mayor even trying to ascertain the facts and without the individual accused denying the accusation. This statement is absolutely false."

"This is the same Alderman Quinn who some time ago made other scurrilous statements in the Board of Aldermen while the Police Department was stamping out gambling in the district represented by him."

"It might be well for you to ask Mr. Quinn to come forward in your investigation of the Department of Markets and present any facts under oath that he may have, and by whom the information was given upon which he based his statement as to the dishonesty of Commissioner O'Malley."

## League of Women Voters Backs Miss Hay in Fight

Expression of Confidence Constructed as Support in Her Battle Against Wadsworth

The New York City League of Women Voters is ready to support Miss Mary Garrett Hay in her campaign against Senator James W. Wadsworth, according to a resolution of confidence passed at the annual convention of the suffrage workers of Manhattan yesterday. The resolution: "We, the members of the Manhattan Borough League of Women Voters, extend to our leader, Miss Mary Garrett Hay, whom we have known so long as a leader of women and whose work with us has been so untiring, our vote of confidence in her judgment and our pledge of loyalty to her at all times."

Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany was re-elected chairman of the borough. The other officers are: Vice-chairmen, Mrs. Joseph G. Deane, Mrs. Leslie Tompkins and Mrs. Jarvis Fairchild; Recording Secretary, Miss Olive M. Jones; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Lott; Treasurer, Mrs. Bert Hanson, and Director, Dr. Katherine B. Davis.

In Brooklyn Mrs. George Notman was elected chairman to take the place of Mrs. H. Edward Dreier, who resigned after many years as suffrage leader. Mrs. William G. Wilcox was elected in Richmond. Mrs. David Rodgers in Queens and Mrs. Daniel Appleton Palmer in the Bronx.

A "get together" luncheon for present and former officers will be held on Saturday at the Hotel Astor.

## Steel Strike Data Prepared

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 10.—Clerks in the headquarters of the national steel strike committee were busy today preparing data on the status of the strike. It will be placed before the committee, which is to meet in Washington Saturday.

## 'Liberals' to Defer Forming National Political Party

Public Ownership of Public Utilities and of National Resources Are Suggested for Organization Platform

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 10.—Immediate establishment of a national political party will not be recommended to the "Committee of Forty-eight," of the "conference of liberals," in session at Hotel Statler, by the sub-committee on political procedure, of which Daniel Carroll, of Minot, N. D., is chairman. This was announced to-night by Carroll, an organizer of the Nonpartisan League.

Attentive representatives of the Department of Justice were at the conference when the second day's session opened this morning. Verbatim reports of all speeches and discussions have been ordered made, as the result of the protest made to the local office of the Department of Justice from certain quarters against the holding of the conference.

Members of the platform committee

have been working for several weeks on a suggested platform draft and it includes these points, which are subject to addition, subtraction, amendment or reservation.

"Public ownership of public utilities," this term to include railroads, stock yards, grain elevators and oil pipe lines.

"Public ownership of natural resources, including coal, oil metal deposits and timbers."

"Collective bargaining, eight-hour day, old age pensions, abolition of injunction in labor cases."

"Equal political, economic and legal rights for women."

"Elimination of vast fortunes through graduated taxation."

"Free speech for all except advocates of violence."

"Repeal of the espionage law and release of political prisoners."

"Referendum on declaration of war, except in case of invasion of this country."

"Universal disarmament favored, and universal military training opposed."

"National child labor law, minimum working age sixteen years."

## U. S. Steamer in Peril

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The American steamer Cabura, from Rotterdam November 24 for New York, reported by wireless to Fayal December 6 she was in latitude 42 north, longitude 27 west, with boilers damaged and leaking badly and was trying to reach the Azores. The American steamer William O'Brien, from Antwerp for New York, has put back to Flushing, short of fuel oil.

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